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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Berkeley – UC Berkeley Professors Urge Campus Boycott, Citing Potential Violence

(U) Nearly 200 professors and graduate students at UC Berkeley signed an open letter warning that the city of Berkeley will be the site of “explicitly violent alt-right, militia, and pro-Fascist events” next week and urging thousands of colleagues and classmates to boycott the campus to ensure their “physical and mental safety.” The letter, titled “Boycott the Alt-Right @UCBerkeley,” asks that students, instructors, and employees cancel classes, close buildings, and “not penalize students who are afraid to come to campus” from 24 to 27 September. That is when Milo Yiannopoulos has said he, Steve Bannon, Ann Coulter, and other couriers of the far-right agenda are supposed to speak at the campus for four days of rallies and speeches they are calling “Free Speech Week.”

SOURCE: 18 September 2017, [San Francisco Chronicle](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Missouri – More Than 80 Arrested as Riot Police Break up Protest over Officer’s Acquittal

(U) St. Louis – More than 80 people were arrested last night as protests in St. Louis over the acquittal of a white policeman who had shot a black man turned violent for a third night running. Police in riot gear used pepper spray and arrested the demonstrators who had defied orders to disperse following a larger, peaceful protest. After nightfall, a small group remained and the scene turned to one of disorder, following the pattern of Friday and Saturday. Protesters smashed windows and attempted to block a ramp to an interstate highway, police and witnesses said.

SOURCE: 18 September 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France – American Tourists Attacked with Acid at French Train Station

(U) Marseille – A woman threw acid at four female American tourists at a train station in the French city of Marseille yesterday, an attack police said they did not believe was terrorism-related. Two of the women, in their early twenties, were treated in hospital for burns to their faces. The tourists were on their way from the southern city to Paris when the attack occurred. The attacker, a woman in her 40s, was arrested at the scene. Investigators have for now ruled out a terrorist motive and said they believe the attacker may be mentally disturbed.

SOURCE: 17 September 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Mexico – Clash between Military and Suspected Gang Leaves Nine Dead

(U) Teloloapan – The Mexican military fought back against an armed attack in the southwestern state of Guerrero on 16 September, leaving eight suspected gang members and one soldier dead. At around 11 p.m., troops were making their rounds in the city of Teloloapan, about 155 miles from Mexico City, when they came under gunfire from suspected gang members dressed in fake military uniforms. A soldier was wounded in the confrontation and died afterward from his injuries. The military secured two vans painted in camouflage, weapons, and uniforms after the attack. Violence has spiked in Guerrero over the past decade as a growing number of criminal gangs vie for control of crops of opium poppies

and drug-trafficking routes.

SOURCE: 17 September 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Turkey – Police Arrest 74 Suspected ISIL Militants

(U) Istanbul – Turkey's official news agency says police have detained 74 suspects who are alleged members of the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS). Anti-terror police conducted simultaneous operations at 15 different addresses in Istanbul. Of the detained, 73 were foreigners and were handed over to relevant authorities to be deported, while the remaining suspect was being questioned. There was no information on their nationalities of the foreigners. ISIS has been blamed for several deadly attacks in Turkey, killing more than 300 people since 2015.

SOURCE: 16 September 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Hackers Compromised Free CCleaner Software

(U) London – Hackers broke into British company Piriform's free software for optimizing computer performance potentially allowing them to control the devices of more than two million users, the company and independent researchers said today. The malicious program was slipped into legitimate software called CCleaner, which is downloaded for personal computers and Android phones as often as five million times a week. As of July, the company said 130 million people used CCleaner.

SOURCE: 18 September 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Two London Bomb Suspects Fostered by British Couple

(U) London – British police are holding two suspects in custody over the London subway blast that occurred on 15 September. Authorities have reduced the terror threat level from "critical" to "severe," meaning they no longer believe another attack is imminent, but officials said the public would continue to see an increased police presence around London. The two suspects, an 18-year-old refugee from Iraq and a 21-year old believed to be from Syria, were fostered by a British couple.

SOURCE: 18 September 2017, [Associated Press](#)

SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – Two People Killed after Attempt to Cross US-Mexico Border

(U) San Diego – Two people were struck and killed by a motorist as they dashed across Interstate 5 in San Ysidro yesterday moments after the van they were traveling in raced out of Mexico heading the wrong way on the highway. Seven others were arrested after their apparent attempt to illegally cross the US-Mexico border. All nine people were believed to be aboard the van when it sped out of Mexico, going the wrong way up Interstate 5.

SOURCE: 17 September 2017, [Los Angeles Times](#)

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